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In re Application

Inventor(s): Steve Mitchell

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REPLACEMENT IMPLANT WITH CROSSBAR  
SPACER AND METHOD

PATENT APPLICATION

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Examiner: Bruce Edward Snow

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**RESPONSE B TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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This RESPONSE B is in reply to the Office Action mailed August 18, 2004.

**Amendments**

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Title:

Please amend the title as shown below:

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